

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02579-ABJ**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE

Assigned to: Judge Amy Berman Jackson

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/08/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

**AMERICAN OVERSIGHT**

represented by **Cerissa Cafasso**  
AMERICAN OVERSIGHT  
1030 15th Street, NW  
Suite B255  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 869-5244  
Fax: (202) 871-6523  
Email: [cerissa.cafasso@americanoversight.org](mailto:cerissa.cafasso@americanoversight.org)  
**LEAD ATTORNEY**  
**ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED**

**John E. Bies**  
AMERICAN OVERSIGHT  
1030 15th Street, NW  
Suite B255  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 869-5243  
Fax: (202) 871-6523  
Email: [john.bies@americanoversight.org](mailto:john.bies@americanoversight.org)  
**LEAD ATTORNEY**  
**ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED**

**Katherine Marie Anthony**  
AMERICAN OVERSIGHT  
1030 15th Street, NW  
Suite B255  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 897-3918  
Fax: (202) 871-6523  
Email: [katherine.anthony@americanoversight.org](mailto:katherine.anthony@americanoversight.org)  
**PRO HAC VICE**  
**ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED**

V.

**Defendant**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

represented by **Doris Denise Coles-Huff**  
U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
555 Fourth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20530  
(202) 252-2557  
Fax: (202) 252-2599  
Email: [doris.coles@usdoj.gov](mailto:doris.coles@usdoj.gov)  
**LEAD ATTORNEY**  
**ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED**

**Johnny Hillary Walker , III**  
U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

555 Fourth Street, NW  
 Washington, DC 20530  
 (202) 252-2575  
 Fax: (202) 252-2599  
 Email: [johnny.walker@usdoj.gov](mailto:johnny.walker@usdoj.gov)  
**LEAD ATTORNEY**  
**ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED**

Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/08/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5783204) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 11/08/2018)
11/08/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 11/08/2018)
11/13/2018	<u>3</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Katherine M. Anthony, :Firm- American Oversight, :Address- 1030 15th St. NW, B255, Washington, DC 20005. Phone No. - (202) 897-3918. Fax No. - (202) 871-6523 Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090-5788208. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
11/13/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Amy Berman Jackson. (zsb) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
11/13/2018	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 11/13/2018)
11/14/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>3</u> Motion for Leave of Katherine M. Anthony to Appear Pro Hac Vice only upon condition that the lawyer admitted, or at least one member of the lawyer's firm, undergo CM/ECF training, obtain a CM/ECF username and password, and agree to file papers electronically. No court papers will be mailed to any lawyer. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 11/14/18. (DMK) (Entered: 11/14/2018)
11/19/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Johnny Hillary Walker, III on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 11/19/2018)
11/26/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/14/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/14/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/19/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 11/20/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Anthony, Katherine) (Entered: 11/26/2018)
12/13/2018	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 12/13/2018)
12/14/2018	<u>8</u>	ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure appear to be inapplicable. Defendant shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff, on or before January 14, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/14/2018. (lcabj2) (Entered: 12/14/2018)
01/12/2019	<u>9</u>	MOTION to Stay by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Coles-Huff, Doris) (Entered: 01/12/2019)
01/14/2019	<u>10</u>	RESPONSE re <u>9</u> MOTION to Stay filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Anthony, Katherine) (Entered: 01/14/2019)

01/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>2</u> Motion to Stay. Defendant must notify the Court within two business days of the resumption of government operations and propose a revised schedule for current deadlines, if necessary. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 1/14/2019. (lcabj2) (Entered: 01/14/2019)
01/29/2019	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Restored Funding and Proposed Schedule by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE re Order on Motion to Stay, (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
01/29/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of defendant's notice <u>11</u> , the Court's January 14, 2019 minute order granting a stay in this case is hereby lifted. Defendant must file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff, on or before February 19, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 1/29/2019. (lcabj2) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
02/19/2019	<u>12</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 02/19/2019)
02/20/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of defendant's status report <u>12</u> , it is ORDERED that production shall begin on April 2, 2019, and a status report is due on April 9, 2019. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 2/20/19. (lcabj2) (Entered: 02/20/2019)
04/09/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must file another status report by May 21, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 4/10/2019. (lcabj2) (Entered: 04/10/2019)
05/17/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 05/17/2019)
05/21/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must file another status report by August 13, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 5/21/2019. (lcabj2) (Entered: 05/21/2019)